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### EXTENT OF THE ADDED IMPOSITION

The opposition to the tariff has been unusually strong in some sections, but people are beginning to devise means for bringing their objections directly under the attention of the government. The following statements showing how they are injured by the tariff are being widely and constantly affected by the sudden and exorbitant high duties suddenly imposed upon goods which they are consulting as to the best means of obtaining under the tariff. The following are being drawn up, the notice of the Parliament and the members. Protests and petitions are being drawn up, anomalies are being pointed out and as the most effective way of voicing objections to the tariff. The following are being considered by public meeting, the question is being considered whether in the metropolitan area there should not be a series of gatherings to enter emphatic protests.

There is the following from the London Standard, in a question of freetrade. Mr. Mr. B. Smith, M.P. said yesterday: "I am not going to drop the tariff fight. It is an absolute branch of the Federal start made with the question of freetrade."

former spoke at Maitland. I said in FARMER that when Mr. Reid made social versus anti-socialism the issue at the election, it was absurd to say that the issue of that election was an indication of the views of the Australian people, and I am of the same opinion."

**IS THE TARIFF ULTRA VIRE?**

Mr. H. C. Mitchell, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, made a remark yesterday that raises the question whether the Federal Government can bring up its tariff in present form. He turned to section 85 of the Constitution, which recites that "no bill shall be passed for raising or varying the condition of taxation, and any provision therein dealing with any other matter shall be void." "There is no tariff schedule a question of Customs duties and another of revenue," he said. "If you have a tariff act and a tax law, the taxation can be done by one bill; if there is no tariff law, as there is in one bill, is there not reason for supposing that this tariff is ultra vires? Is it not beyond the power of Congress to have said in the Act that the duties of Customs shall be levied according to such laws as may from time to time be enacted?"

"And so, and then, if I am right, Great Britain, ought it not to be dealt with by another measure? The point is at least arguable."

**DIVISION 6A**

Division 6A of the tariff contains a list of duties which shall come into operation w-

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tion. There is, for instance, an extra 25 per cent. on the value of goods imported from any foreign country, no matter whether it be of English or foreign make. Axes and springs will therefore cost 25 per cent. more if they come from England, and 20 per cent. if they come from a foreign country. The extra on boots is 10 per cent. if they come from England, and 1½ per cent. from foreign countries. The extra on hardware is a humble walk of life doesn't mind, but it is a heavy burden on the farmer, an extra duty of 25 per cent. upon it. The extra on a chaffcutter is 10 shillings, 25 per cent. extra duty on plough chains and leading chains if they come from abroad. The same amounts of duty will be charged on his harness, and if he has a horse-drawn pump, he will have to pay 25 per cent. more by paying an extra 25 per cent. on his wife's washing machine. Every article he uses on his farm will have to do like that.

### THE DUTY ON MAGAZINES

One of the effects of the duty on magazines may be to very seriously curtail their importation.

that double their price. The following are extracts from the letters received from those whose advertisements in this issue have been cancelled, and who are now protesting against the magazine's policy of not accepting advertising from the importers of foreign goods. The letters are published in the following order: (1) the letter from the publisher of the magazine, and (2) the letter from the importer of the goods in question.

**AN ACT OF DESPOTISM.**

**DUTY OF THE FEDERAL LABOUR PARTY.**

The Brisbane "Worker" (the official organ of the Federated Workers of Queensland) has the following strong denunciation of the tax on the "Worker":



will be an increase in the cost of living of from three to five shillings a week for the average working-class family. . . This tariff is equivalent to a tax on the cost of living. How long will it take the unions to win back the three to five shillings a week thus knocked out of the pay of the average working-class family? . . . The tariff will make work, and raise the wages by wiping out the competition of the unemployed. Labour being in more demand will be able to obtain a higher remuneration, and the unemployed will be able to find work. . .

to do it, and they offer to execute half the order at the advanced price. . . This is a sample of the kind of thing that is being done. . . The tariff will make work, and raise the wages by wiping out the competition of the unemployed. Labour being in more demand will be able to obtain a higher remuneration, and the unemployed will be able to find work. . .

#### WOMEN'S DEMONSTRATION.

An anti-tariff demonstration, to be held at 3 p.m. at Royal-chambers, Castlereagh-street, will be organized by women citizens. . . The demonstration will be held at 3 p.m. at Royal-chambers, Castlereagh-street, will be organized by women citizens. . .

#### COACHBUILDERS' PROTEST.

A meeting of the coachbuilding trade, to consider the new duties, will be held on Friday evening at the Queen's Hall, Pitt-street. . .

#### ON THE EVE OF BATTLE.

To-morrow the great battle will be fought between the people against the iniquitous tariff. . . The battle will be fought between the people against the iniquitous tariff. . .

#### LOCAL AUTHORITIES' PROTEST.

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#### IMPORTED TIMBERS.

At a meeting of the Master Builders' Association last evening, the president, Mr. E. J. Buchanan, reported that he had been to the Chamber of Commerce. . .

#### CYCLE AND MOTOR FIRMS.

The introduction of the new duty on imported cycles, motor cycles, motor cars, and sundries caused much concern among the firms. . .

#### BUTTER BOXES DEARER.

The new tariff is generally condemned here. . . The tariff is generally condemned here. . .

#### WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ALARMED.

At a meeting of the Premier, Mr. Moore, telegraphed to the Governor of Western Australia. . .

#### PROTEST TO SIR WILLIAM LYNE.

This afternoon the Premier, Mr. Moore, telegraphed to the Governor of Western Australia. . .

#### ANGLO-FRENCH EXHIBITION.

At a meeting of the Swans branch of the Board of Agriculture to-day, a discussion took place as to the Anglo-French exhibition. . .

#### THE PROPHET IN HIS OWN COUNTRY.

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#### VIEW OF CORRESPONDENTS.

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ing up of the character of those who ride the big commercial interests of the State, but that in no way detracts from its whiffiness. The introduction of the new tariff has brought out these points in bold relief. Privately, merchants are free enough to grumble about the incidence of the duties, but not so much so as to show any disposition to oppose out earnestly, and generally to show above protectors, as it is a separate item.

**BREADSTUFFS.**

Wheat was quiet. Very few buyers were about, but small sales were reported on the heels of the fall, about 1000 bush being picked up in the country at about the same prices. City holders were willing to accept in bid to be sold. Sugar business was quiet, though in

stated that there was a better feeling in the London market, and in consequence

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